

COUNTRY

Poland

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TOPIC

1. Fuel Depot near Tarnow

2. Polish Troops in Przemysl

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to mid-June 1952

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

19 September 1952

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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Fuel Depot near Tarnow.

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1. [redacted] the construction of a large underground fuel depot near Tarnow (R 51/4 94) started on 1 March 1952. The exact location was not known [redacted] about 600 Polish convicts were building the installation under the supervision of Polish officers and Soviet technicians prior to mid-June 1952.

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2. In mid-May 1952 [redacted] the bridges across the Oder River in Upper Silesia were guarded by Polish sentries.

Polish Troops in Przemysl.

3. Prior to November 1950, the barracks installation on the east side of ul.3 Maja and on both sides of ul.29 Listopada in Przemysl (S 50/V 55) quartered a Polish unit of about 500 soldiers wearing green service color. The north section of the installation consisted of three four-story brick buildings and three low wooden buildings. The south section consisted of four three-story buildings and a warehouse. The installation was surrounded by a wooden fence, 2.5 meters high, and by watchtowers. Groups of 10 to 12 officers were repeatedly seen in the northern section of the installation. The southern section was used as transit quarters for Soviet soldiers. A colonel was commanding officer of the unit. The armament of the units consisted of small arms. Soldiers of the unit were observed on guard duty at the railroad station. * Residents referred to the installation as the Soviet Barracks. Families of Soviet officers were quartered in the town section south of the San River. **
4. Another old Polish barracks installation in the northwest section of the town, about 400 meters southwest of the barracks installation described in paragraph 3, was occupied by a Polish infantry unit, with horse-drawn equipment. It consisted of three four-story brick buildings, a two-story gymnasium, a low wooden infirmary building, a mess hall and a stable. The commanding officer of the unit was a colonel. The unit consisted of about 1,000 soldiers. Polish civilians stated that the unit was subordinate to a headquarters located 5 to 7 km north of the town. The unit was armed with small arms and machine guns with drum magazines. The training area was west of the town. No motor vehicles were seen with the unit. ***

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[redacted] Comment. A WOP unit is known to be stationed in Przemyśl. It is believed
that the 15th WOP brigade is quartered in the town.

[redacted] Comment. No Soviet units have been observed in Przemyśl previously. The
Soviet families were also mentioned in previous reports and probably were
dependents of Soviet training officers.

[redacted] Comment. The 28th Inf Regt is carried in Przemyśl. [redacted]

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